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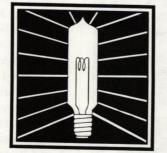
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# WILBERT HASBROUCK: Learning From The Chicago School

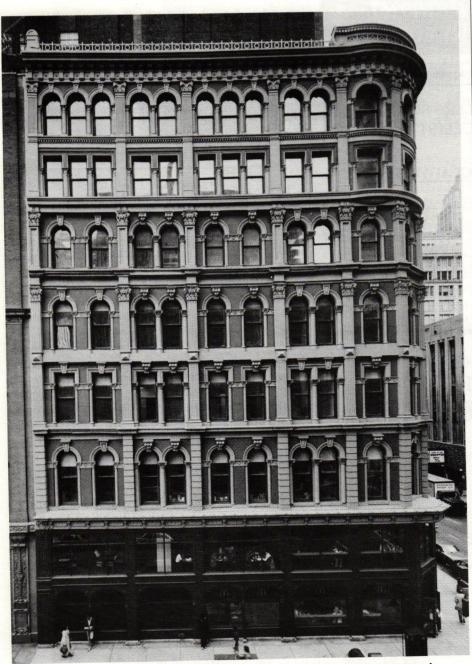
BY EVE M. KAHN

or nearly 20 years, Chicago-based restoration architect Wilbert R. Hasbrouck has worked on buildings by all the local greats: Louis Sullivan, Frank Lloyd Wright, and Burnham & Root. "I've come to feel like they're my partners, like I know them," he says. He feels especially close to Wright, because recently his firm has tackled three projects that Wright undertook eight decades earlier: The 1904 interior renovation of Burnham & Root's 1888 Rookery; the Martin House in Buffalo; and the Dana-Thomas House in Springfield, Ill.

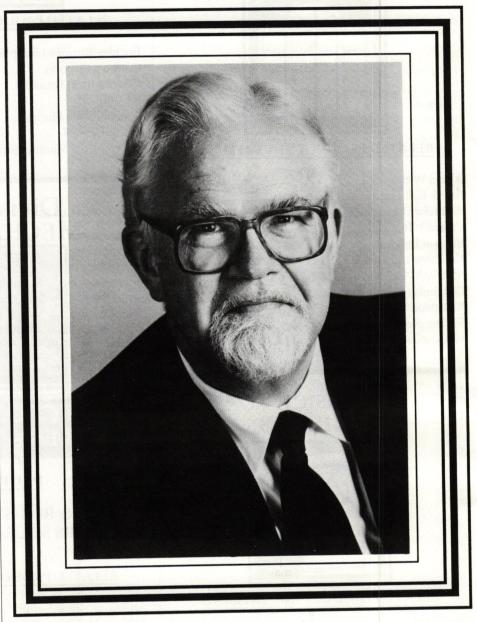
"I've learned a lot about Wright, working on these three," he says. "He was a great designer, of course, and a great manager of people, to get the quantity and quality of work that he did. But he was also a master marketer. I've met 50 original owners of Wright houses, and they all say the same thing: That theirs was Wright's favorite house, and that they really designed it, he just helped. I'd give anything if I could get a client to say that — wouldn't you?"

All modesty aside, Hasbrouck's clients have the right to be almost as pleased as Wright's. Among restoration accomplishments by the firm of Hasbrouck, Peterson, Zimoch and Sirirattumrong: The 1871 Delaware Building — the first office building erected after the Chicago Fire (with the oldest cast-concrete skin in America); the 1885 turreted Dearborn Station in Chicago; and Sullivan's 1911 People's Savings Bank in Cedar Rapids. "Our forte," says James Peterson, Hasbrouck's longtime partner, "is reconciling what a great architect intended with what the current owner wants, without spoiling the building."

The firm attracts business with the principle of "enlightened greed." "I've been criticized a lot for using that phrase," Hasbrouck explains, "but I believe



Located on the Loop, the Delaware Building, the first cast-concrete structure in America, was named a landmark after Hasbrouck restored it. Photo: Ron Gordon



in it. We save buildings by showing owners how, if restoration is done right, it can make a rich man richer. The process may be expensive, but the results are more valuable. We teach owners how to massage the program to fit the building, rather than the other way 'round."

His first job out of Iowa State College's architecture school was with the Illinois Central Railroad, where he soon rose to architectural engineer of the system. "The line ran from New Orleans to Sioux City, with 10,000 buildings along the way, from three-hole outhouses to boxcar manufacturing facilities," he says. "At least one building was on fire all the time." But the wealthy railroad's structures tended to be solidly built, many dating back to the 19th century, and a few had been designed by such well-known names as Daniel Burnham. Hasbrouck found his interest in and respect for historic architecture rising. In 1963, he and his wife Marilyn (now the proprietor of Prairie Avenue Bookshop, one of the country's largest architectural bookstores) founded *The Prairie School Review*, an academic publication full of essays on Prairie Style and other avant-garde turn-of-the-century American architecture.

"Landmarks were being torn down all over town, enthusiasm for Wright and Sullivan was increasing, and we were writing editorials lambasting the architectural profession for not paying more attention to restoration," he says. The magazine, he adds, "gave me great entree. I could go anywhere and show it and be taken seriously." Taking him especially seriously in 1968, the AIA invited him to serve as executive director of its Chicago Chapter and Illinois Council. He gave up hands-on work to accept the job: "The AIA needed a spokesman with no practice, with no ax to grind."

But the more architects he met through AIA, the more he realized that Chicago lacked restoration specialists. "Maybe two or three were active," he recalls, "and those had a certain reluctance, because they didn't want to spend the time and money to do it well." He left AIA in 1975 to hang out his own

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**FENCES & GATES** 

### KEEPING YOU POSTED: From Pickets To PVC

BY EVE M. KAHN

ences and gates give a site its first opportunity to impress visitors. Whether low, simple, and friendly or high, sharp, and forbidding, they reveal the personalities of the owners within. The earliest fences in America, however, were purely functional; made of rough lumber, they kept intruders out and animals in, and delineated the boundaries of newly settled land. Progress brought wrought iron to many of the colonies in the latter half of the 18th century, while wood fences, for the wealthy, became increasingly decorative. Cast iron became prevalent in the second half of the 19th century, as did elaborately detailed wood fences, but many of these disappeared in the early 20th century: Ornament in general fell out of favor, and metalwork was often melted down for military purposes.

Today a enormous variety of fencing has become available, including types unknown until recently, such as PVC and metals with high-tech finishes. But the basic requirements of fences and gates have remained the same:

Creative design and good workmanship are still crucial.

How do you specify and get high-quality fences and gates? What are the signs of shoddy workmanship? What are the advantages and disadvantages of different materials and finishes? What are the best installation techniques? We interviewed manufacturers who work with wood, including Fred Good of Brattle Co.; Richard Ross of Heritage Fence; and Gary Womble of Acorn Fence; manufacturers who work in metal, including Robert Baird of Historical Arts & Casting; Scott Howell of Robinson Iron; and Dave Beaukamp of Historical Fence and Ironworks. We also spoke to PVC supplier David Blum of Bufftech, and to antique fence and gate sources Joe Ley of Ley Antiques and John Greer of Governor's Antiques. •

#### Who's In This Special Report

The 38 companies included in the SourceList on pages 6 and 8 include manufacturers of wood, metal, and PVC fences and gates. They range from one-man shops with all-custom lines to major manufacturers of stock products, and from new establishments to 100-year-old companies still offering vintage designs. Some specialize in fences and gates, others produce them as part of broader selections. We've also included several antiques dealers who supply old metal fences and gates.

As noted, some of their literature is free and some is not. If you need information immediately, call or write the companies directly. We've provided all contact information on the SourceList. (Please mention TRADITIONAL BUILDING.) If you simply need information to update your files, you may find it more convenient to use the enclosed Product Information Card or the Form on page 46.

#### GATE DESIGN CHECKLIST FENCE & • Consider the landscape: Certain fence styles, such as curve-topped or flat-topped rails, don't adapt easily to hills, while pickets can rise and GENERAL fall gracefully with the terrain. **ADVICE** Allow for future landscaping: Will the owner change the gardens often, or soon install a pool? Avoid the common mistake of overfencing; the owner may not need a big barrier around the property, but only privacy in certain areas. **DESIGN:** Nails, screws, mortise-and-tenon joints, and dowels are all options. Mortise-and-tenon joints look handsome, as do dowels, but both are prone to rot. Screws allow changes to be made without ripping apart the fence. WOOD WOOD SELECTION: For visible areas, western red cedar or northern white pine boards and rails with kiln-dried pressure-treated southern wood selection: For visible areas, western red cedar or northern white pine boards and rails with kiln-dried pressure-treated southern yellow pine (CCA .40) in-ground posts are best. (Pressure-treated rails and boards are fine for less visible spots.) The posts, which lose their looks quickly, can be disguised with above-ground northern white pine or cedar sleeves. • Wax-emulsion pressure-treated posts are also an option, but they have not yet proven their long-term durability and they cost 15% more. • Another option is cedar in-ground posts. They age well and do not pose the environmental hazards of pressure-treated, which has to be handled with gloves and sawn wearing masks, and which can't be burned and so will one day end up in a landfill. FINISHES: Latex stain is low maintenance, comes in opaque formulas, and does not fade readily. (Prime northern white pine before staining.) However, its finish is flat and not well suited to visible areas. Paint requires re-application but gives a more polished look. **WORKMANSHIP:** Watch for open joints, missing structural pieces, thin pieces (commercially available pickets can be as thin as 1/2 in. and last perhaps 3 or 4 years); gaps where boards meet posts or rails; nails or screws not well sunk. INSTALLATION: Fence posts should extend 3 ft. into the ground. • Post holes should be filled with soil. (For pressure-treated, concrete hole filler is overkill, and for non-pressure-treated, concrete holds water.) If the soil is loose, sandy, or wet, stiffen it by mixing in some Portland cement. • Gate posts should be thicker than fence posts and set in concrete. **DESIGN**: Fences generally need to be supported by a post every 5 or 6 ft. **METAL** • To reinforce heavy gates unobtrusively, continuous welding and lateral ties are options, as is an I-beam along the gate's bottom. Scrolls and other small ornament can also serve as braces. • Masonry posts for heavy gates should be equipped with steel reinforcing rods, or the gates should be hung directly on steel columns disguised in masonry • The best hinges for heavy gates contain stainless-steel pins and ball bearings and can be lubricated. (Lawler and Stanley are two recommended manufacturers.) • Use two hinges rather than three; gates with too many hinges get stuck easily. MATERIALS: Aluminum is 1/3rd the weight of steel or iron; steel and iron are stronger and easier to repair. Bronze and copper are rust-free but expensive and prone to theft. • Tubular iron, unless galvanized, will rust inside. Tubular is acceptable if budgets are tight, if weight is a consideration, and if tubes are installed so that they can drain. WORKMANSHIP: Watch for welds that look like wads of bubble gum; weld splatters; and discontinuous lines on either sides of posts. INSTALLATION: In most cases, set the posts in concrete. • Lead, the predominant 19th-century setting material, can be used if the posts are being set in holes drilled in stone, or if there is danger of abuse (a fallen post set in lead can be re-erected easily). However, lead is costly, and its fumes, of course, are hazardous. Finishes: GALVANIZING Advantages: The Rolls Royce of coatings, galvanizing is tough and environmentally safe to apply; it can be patched with spray, and if it is pierced, its molecular properties are such that it tends to heal itself. Disadvantages: Even a top-notch galvanizing job will leave runs and drips that need to be sanded off; not many galvanizing shops can handle large gate or fence sections, and smaller sections require more drilling and gouging to assemble, causing more rust-prone holes; and a bad galvanizing job can ruin details. EPOXY: Recommended Formulas: DuPont's Corlar, a zinc chromate; also Tnemec's system: 90-97 Tneme-Zinc primer, Series 73 Endura-Shield III enamel, and Series 66 Hi-Build Epoxoline. (Tnemec Co., Box 411749, Dept. TB, Kansas City, MO 64141 (816) 483-3400.) Advantages: Two-part epoxy systems are the BMWs of coatings. They are cheaper than galvanizing and only slightly less tough, and they can Disadvantages: Epoxy application is not a job for laypeople, and it requires spraying, an environmentally unhealthy technique. Also, the surfaces sometimes need sanding before touch-ups will bond to them. PAINT: Red-oxide primer with industrial alkyd enamel is an old favorite, and cheap. Re-apply every two years, strip every 40 years, and ironwork can easily last a century. OTHER FINISHES: Numerous baked-enamel and powder-coating systems are now on the market; they all have the disadvantage that repairs MISCELLANEOUS ADVICE: Resign yourself to the knowledge that no matter how much money you spend on coatings, some rust will occur. Advantages: Difficult to damage and generally comes with long warranties; never needs repainting; a number of handsome traditional designs now available; looks like wood from a distance. **PVC** Disadvantages: Limited custom work available, and only a few colors, and colors other than white can cost extra. If damage occurs, replacement is the only attractive solution, and up close PVC does not convey the warmth and solidity of wood. Advantages: Handsome antique designs and workmanship; the pleasure of owning something with a provenance. ANTIQUE **FENCING** Disadvantages: Pieces badly rusted or bent may be difficult to repair. Repairs must be handled by specialists, so buy from a source who can restore ironwork or knows where to get the work done properly.



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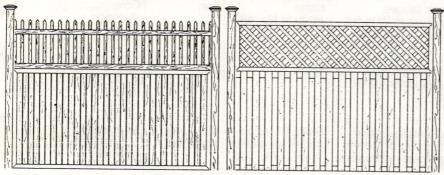
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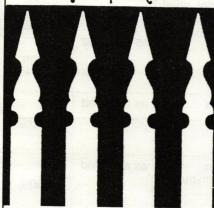
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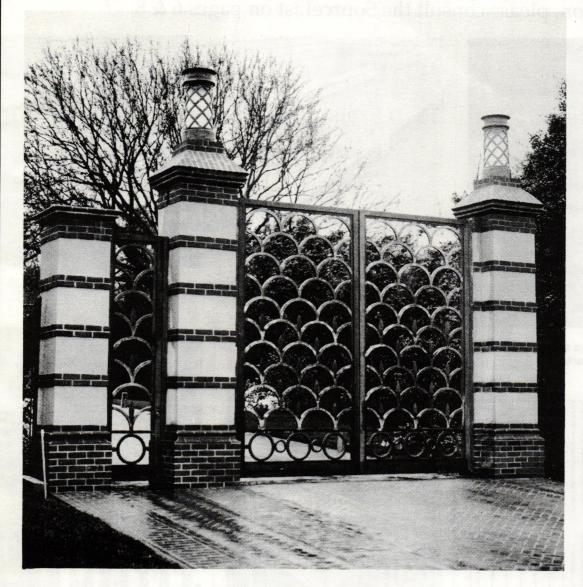
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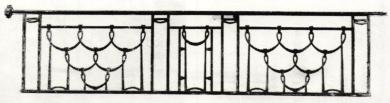


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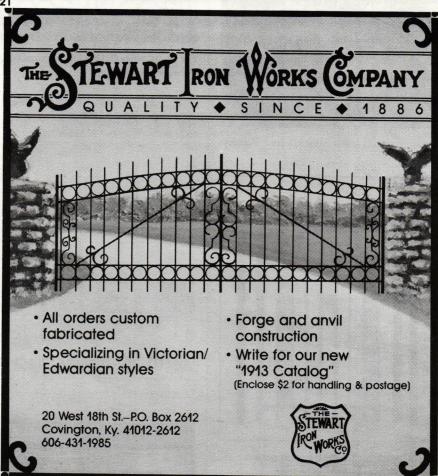
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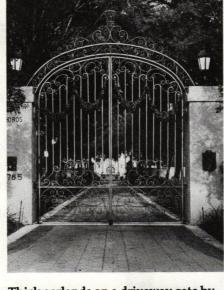
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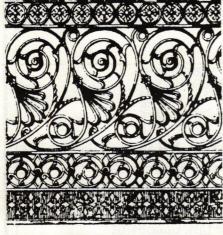
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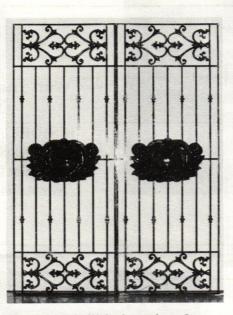
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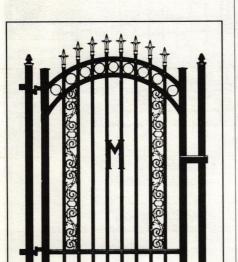
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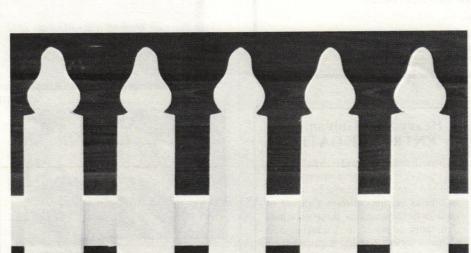
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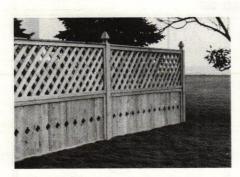
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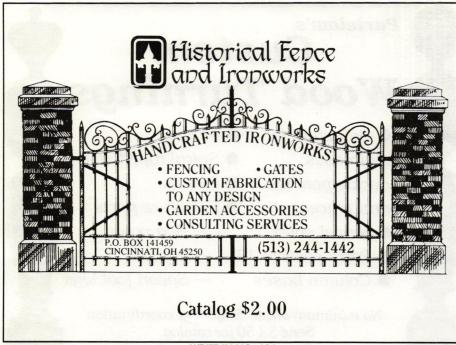
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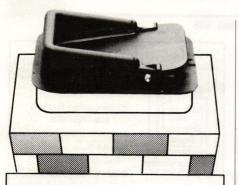
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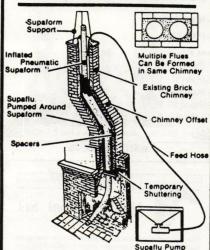
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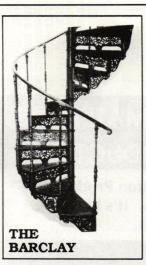
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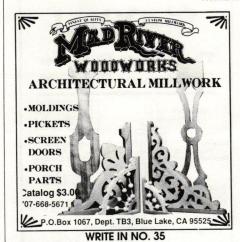
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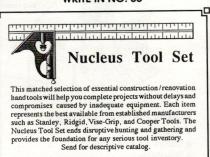
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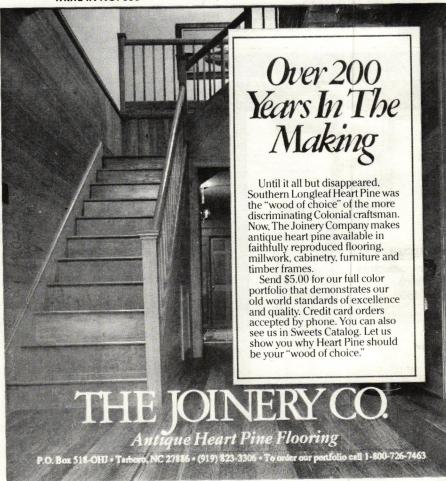
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### **Architectural Millwork:** ENRICHING DETAIL



BY JUDITH SIEGEL LIEF

We all know that millwork adds enriching detail to an architectural design. Similarly, the specifier must provide plenty of enriching detail to the millwork supplier in order to complete a highly aesthetic and reasonably economical project. Here are some guidelines provided to bridge conflicts that may arise between professionals and their clients.

ow does one become an informed purchaser of architectural millwork? John Walker at Walker Brothers says, "Ask someone! Call up a millwork shop with a good reputation and ask questions." Julie Ryder at Silverton Victorian Millworks declares, "Educating our clients is our strongest sales tool. We would never withhold information from anyone." However, before you call, consider the following guidelines; they may help you ask questions that will lead to writing more precise specifications.

- Does the client really want wood? Wood, as a living material, has natural variations, some of which don't become apparent until it's stained. Paul Singelyn at Yuenger Wood Moulding notes, for example, that there are 6-8 different types of Red Oak. So even if you've specified Red Oak, he can't guarantee that there won't be color or consistency variations from one piece of wood to another. He adds, "Some clients ask for wood but they really want plastic laminate. Wood is for clients who understand that the natural variation in tone, texture, and grain is what makes wood pretty."
- Submit only complete plans for bidding. In fact, many suppliers don't even quote on "preliminaries" anymore. The more complete the drawings, the more likely a job will receive a precise quote — without padding to cover unknown contingencies. John Walker estimates that on a \$1 million job, if the architect spends \$10-15,000 extra on finishing the plans, he'll probably have saved several times that amount by the time the job is completed.
- How do you determine wood quality? First of all, be sure of the wood grade you want. Wood guidelines are very complex, and different species are graded differently. Once you've decided on a wood, make sure you understand the grading for that species — and the grade that will be specified. Find out what grade a company uses. For instance, Silverton uses only FAS 2-face oak - the highest grade of oak — for its moldings, a grade with virtually no blemishes or imperfections on either side. With that grade of wood, there's no danger of checking, mineralization, bad color, pitch pockets, or knots. Frequently lumberyards — likely to sell low-cost prepared millwork — stock a

lower grade of wood and lack the expertise to compete on high-end jobs (they sometimes call millwork shops for advice.)

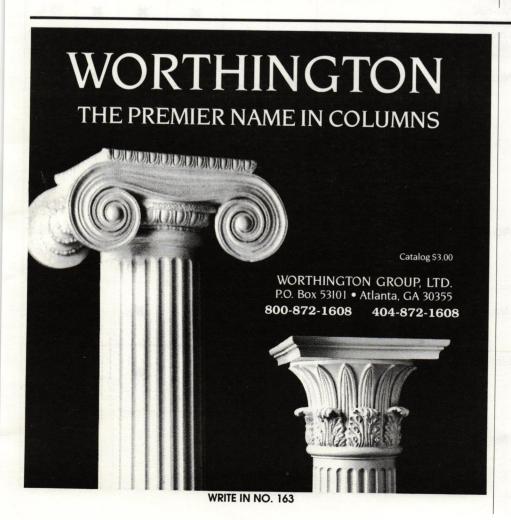
■ The second part of judging millwork quality is examining the surface or finish, which reveals the speed at which the wood is run through the molding knives. Materials that are run through machinery at a very fast rate are likely to have a wavy finish. The knives get dull and make deeper and more conspicuous marks in the wood. "At Silverton," Ryder says, "we run our molders very slowly and have operators at both ends. As soon as knife marks are perceptible, we stop the machine and regrind the knives, etc. That's the only way to keep the finish flawless."

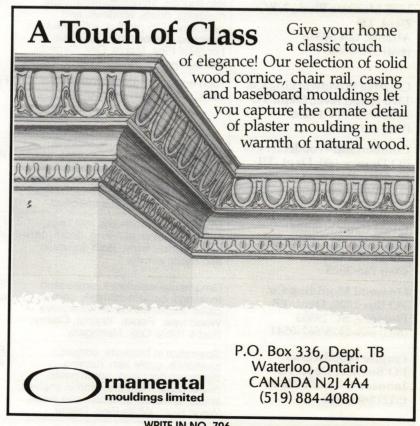
We've consistently heard from suppliers that when jobs go over budget, clients panic and begin to cut costs on the finishes: Millwork, lighting fixtures, carpeting, appliances, etc. When this happens — as it invariably does — make sure the client understands the trade-offs of skimping on millwork. Appliances and carpeting will eventually wear out and be replaced, but inferior millwork is something the client and all successive owners will have to look at and live with for years.

#### Who's on the SourceList

There are hundreds of millwork shops across the country. To keep the SourceList to a manageable size, we included only suppliers that turn out a significant quantity of traditional decorative millwork: Moldings, columns and capitals, gingerbread, etc. (We did not include turnings, for

The list was further limited to suppliers who showed an interest in serving the special requirements of historical architects and contractors — as evidenced by their willingness to respond to a detailed questionnaire and provide product literature. From the 73 replies, the editors selected the 54 that seemed most relevant to our readers' needs.



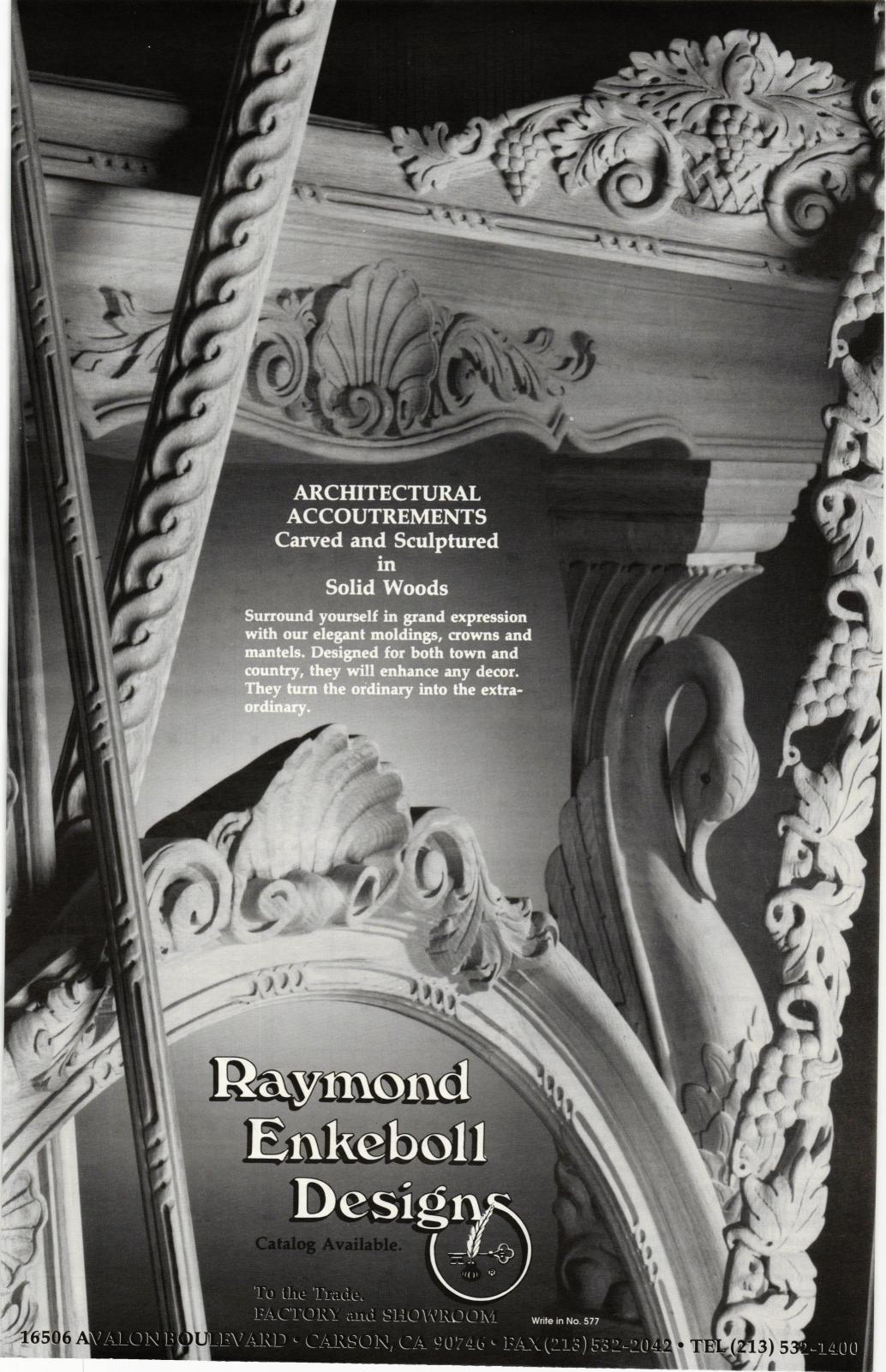




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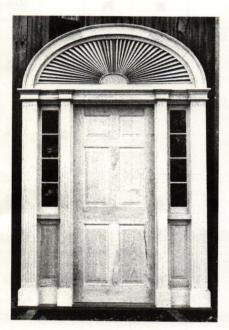


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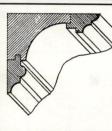
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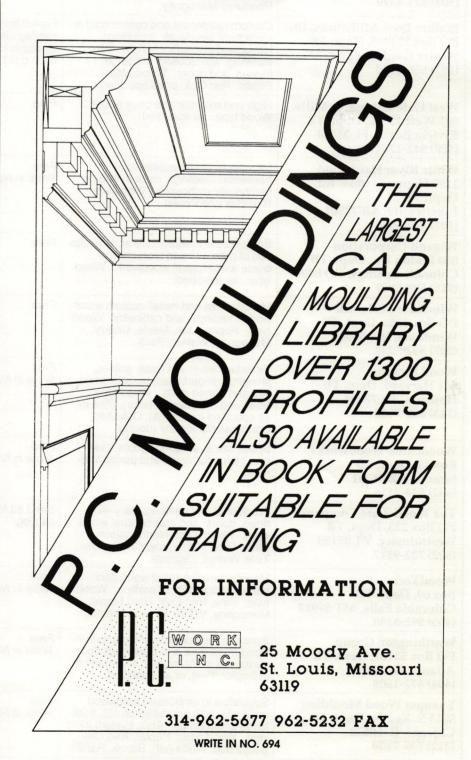
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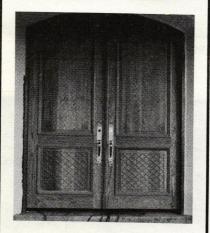
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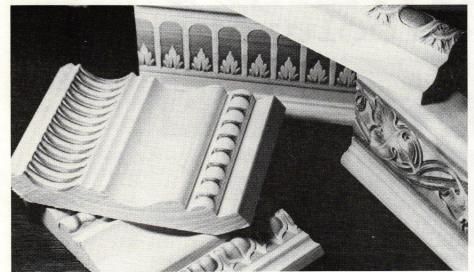
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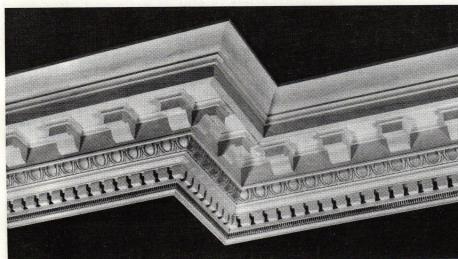
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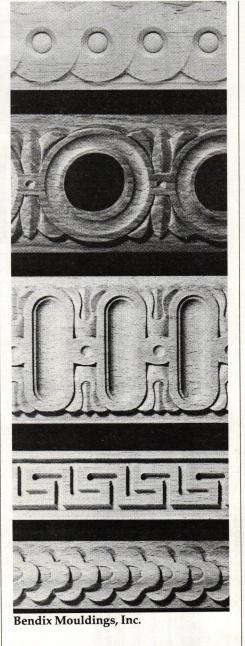


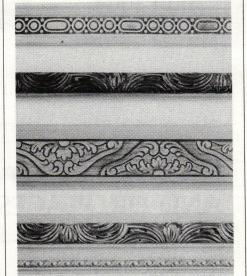


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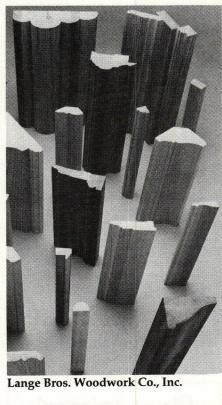


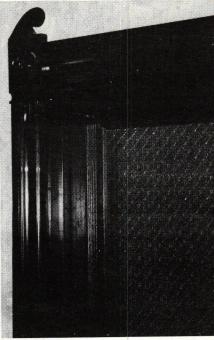
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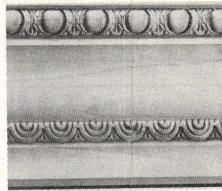


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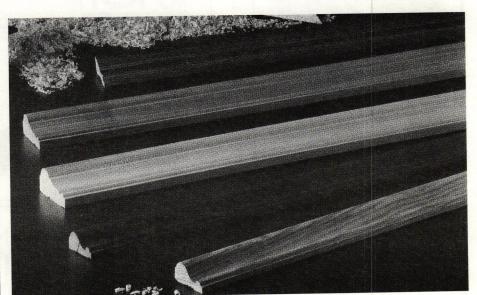




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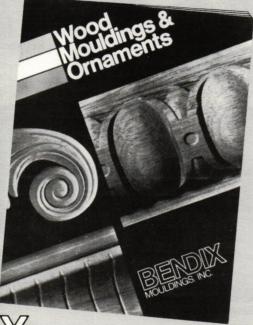
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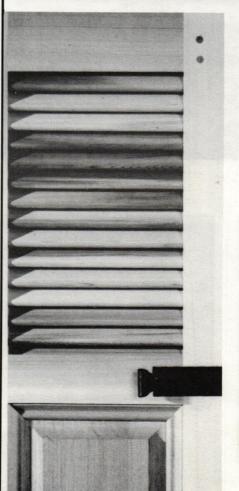
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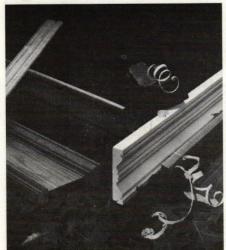
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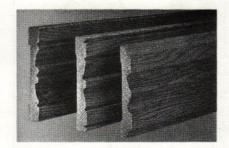
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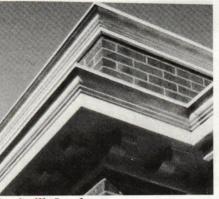


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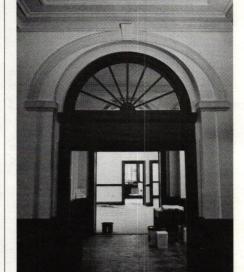




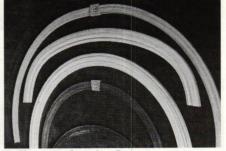
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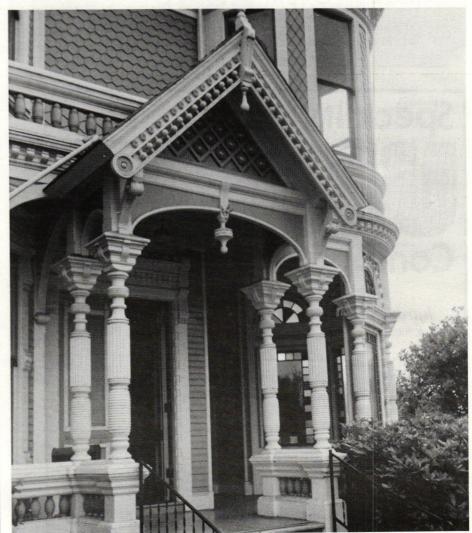
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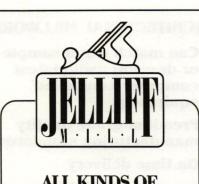
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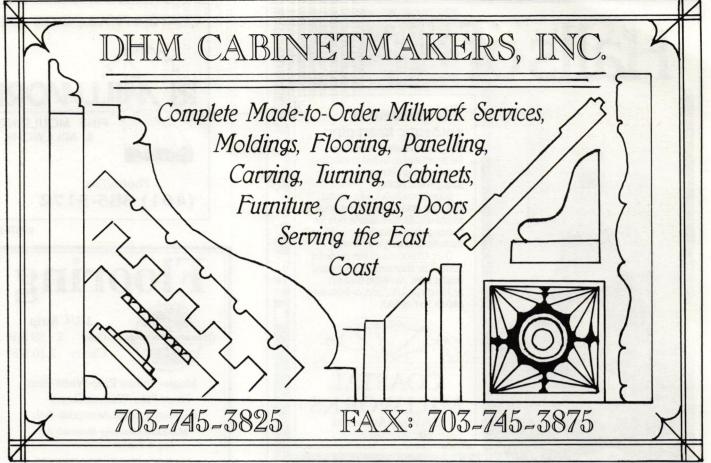
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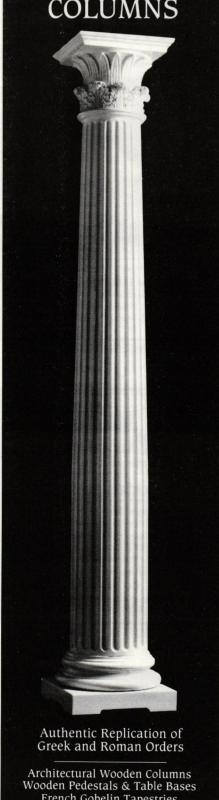
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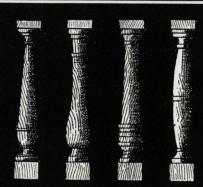
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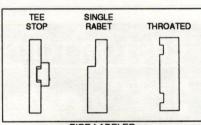
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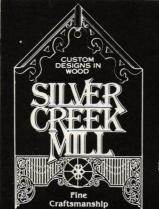
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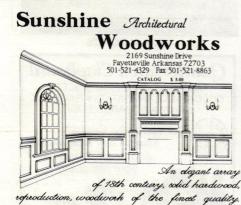
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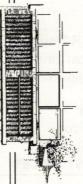
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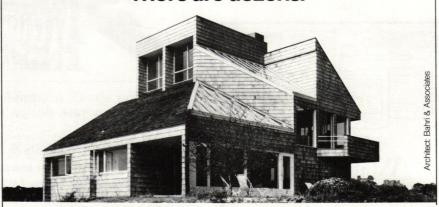
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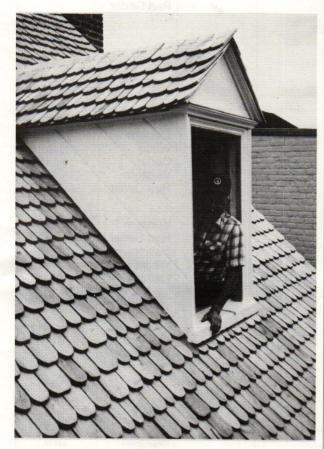
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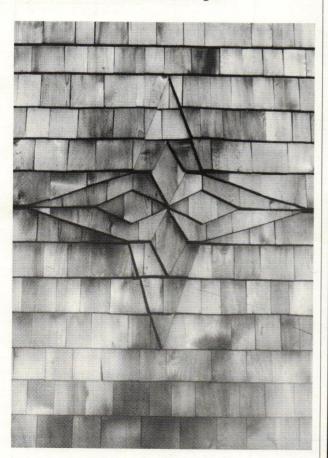
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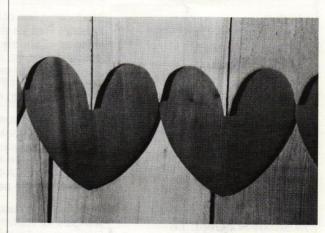
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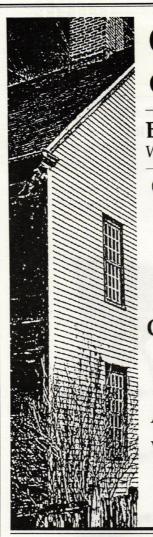
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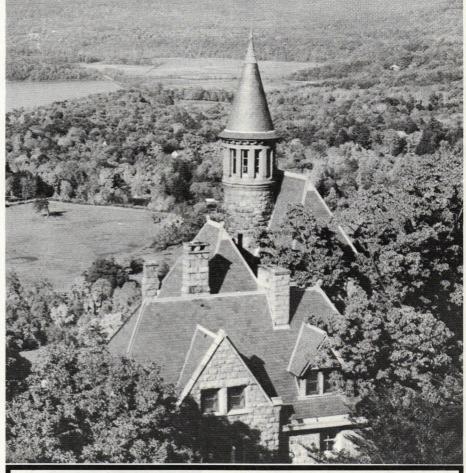
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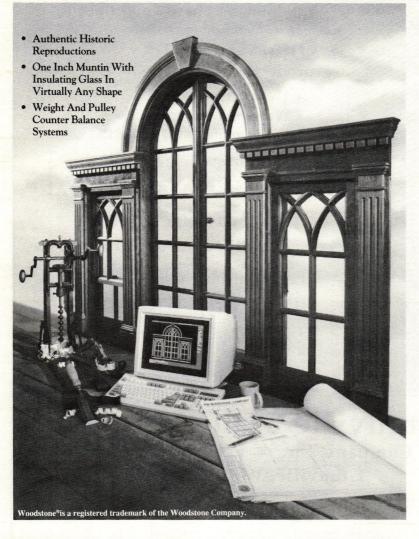
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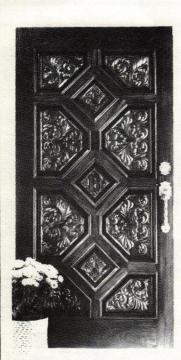
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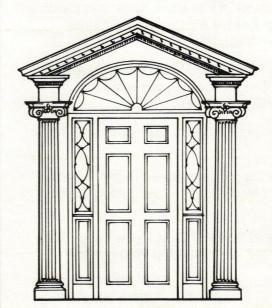
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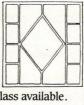


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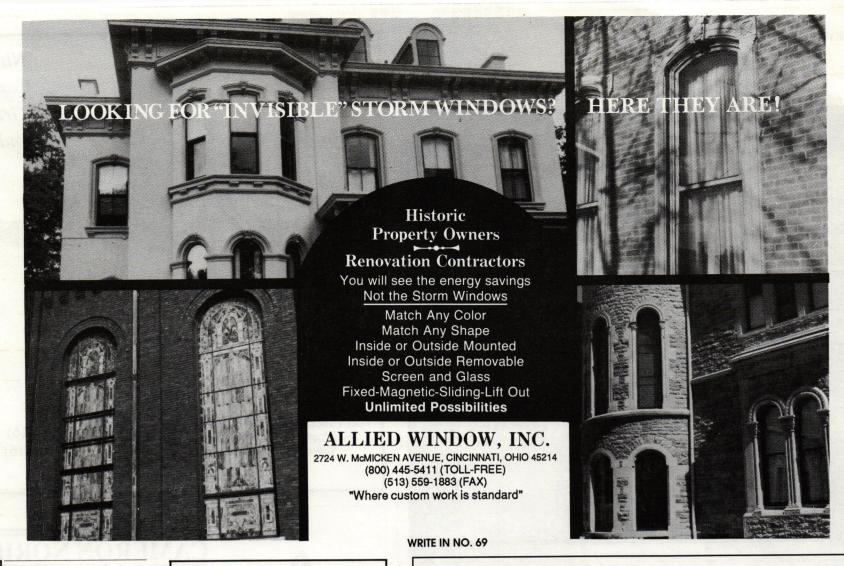
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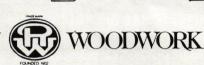
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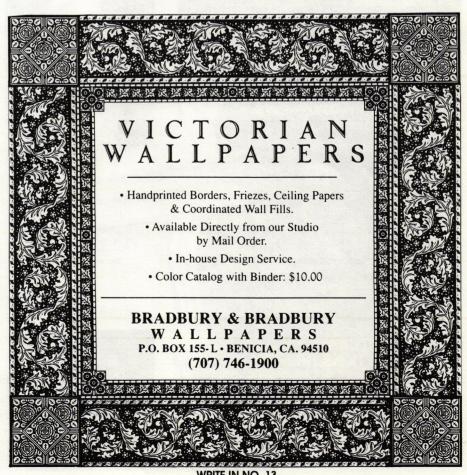
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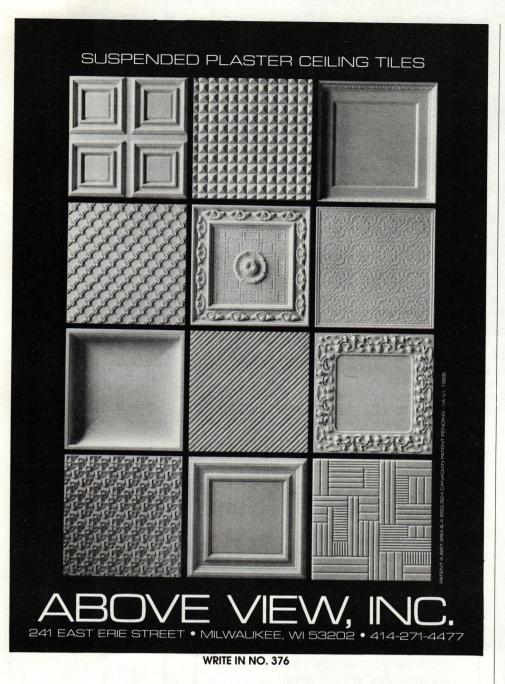
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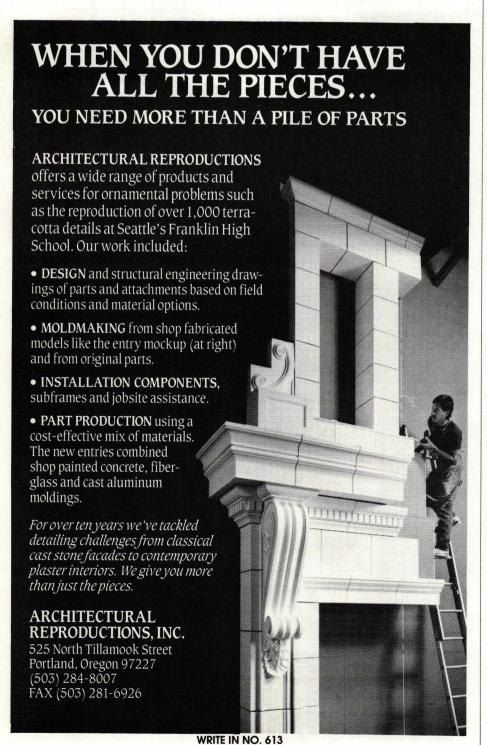
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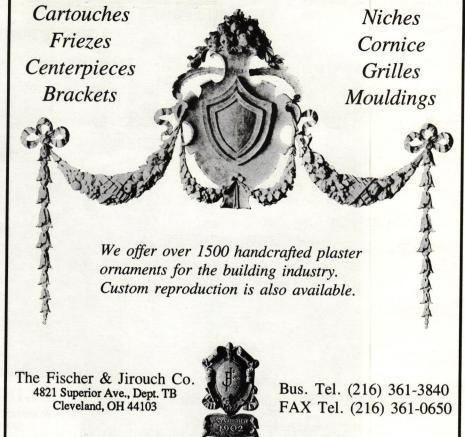


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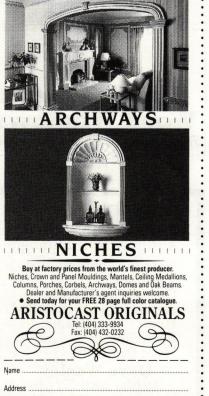
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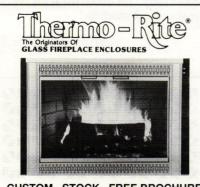
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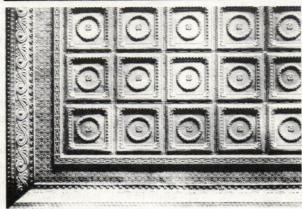
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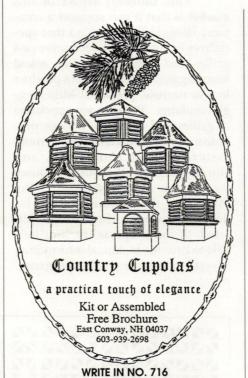
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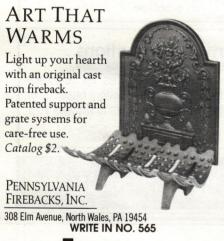
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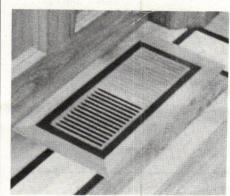
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HE PLAIN FACTS: If function, engineering precision, and cost are the controlling factors in the selection of grilles and diffusers for a job, you'll probably wind up selecting a stamped steel or aluminum unit from one of the major suppliers. (A few of these suppliers are included in the SourceList on page 36). The big companies supply a vast range of products that will channel air in any direction or fashion you wish. And their product literature provides enough engineering data to keep your HVAC person happily crunching numbers for hours.

However, if aesthetic or historical considerations play a big part on a job, chances are you'll select decorative registers (with air control louver) or grilles (without louvers) from one of the specialty suppliers shown in the SourceList. You won't have as wide a range of products and sizes to choose from, and you won't have charts full of engineering data to toss at your HVAC specialist. But you'll end up with a unit that will function satisfactorily — and will be more visually appealing than plainvanilla diffusers.

One unusual aspect of this market is that it can support a company (Reggio Register Co.) that specializes in nothing but decorative cast grilles and registers. When asked how Reggio can thrive with a product line so narrow, president Mike Reggio explains: "Because we specialize in grilles and registers, we can provide more standard sizes (30) in more materials (cast iron, brass, and aluminum) than other supply houses that sell lots of other things." Also, Mike says that because of the indepth knowledge they've accumulated through specialization, he's able to provide technical information to system designers on the more complicated jobs.

A relatively new player in the decorative grille market is American Home Supply. Their expertise is in cast brass; they don't produce anything in cast iron or aluminum. According to American Home's factory liaison officer, Bob Rubio, the company's claim to fame in grilles is the precision of the finish. He says that the raw brass castings are first run through a large milling machine to create square, true edges and a perfectly flat surface. "We've also had a machine built especially for polishing brass grilles," Bob says. "The two



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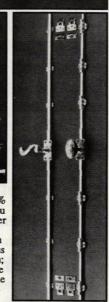
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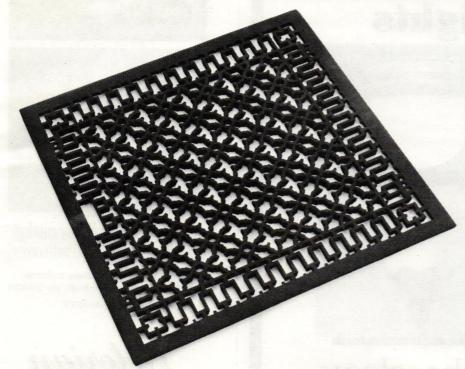
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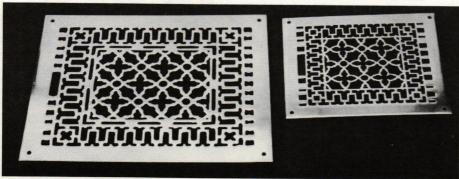
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of sheet metal to make the transition.

#### **Materials Limitations**

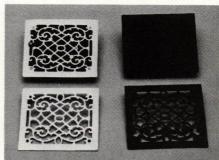
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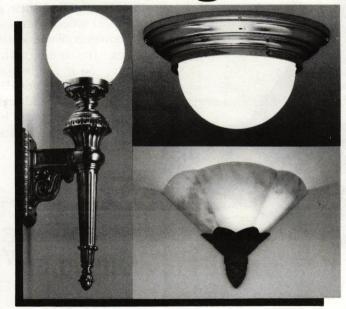
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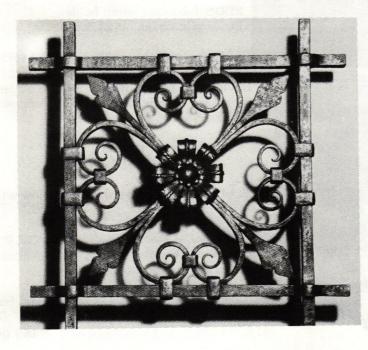


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## Division 17 **BOOK REVIEWS**

#### GRAPHIC STANDARDS FOR THE REHAB GENERATION

TRADITIONAL DETAILS FOR BUILDING RESTORATION, RENOVATION, AND REHABILITATION. Edited by John Belle, FAIA, RIBA, John Ray Hoke, Jr., AIA, and Stephen A. Kliment, FAIA. John Wiley & Sons. 285 pp. Hardcover. \$75.00 ppd. from Wiley Book Orders — Dept. TB, 1 Wiley Dr., Somerset, NJ 08875 (201) 469-4400.

Probably no single event symbolizes the changes sweeping through the architecture and building industries as the appearance of this new volume from John Wiley & Sons. *Traditional Details* is a collection of period building details designed to assist people working on buildings erected in the first half of the 20th century . . . a sort of *Graphic Standards* — *Antique Edition*.

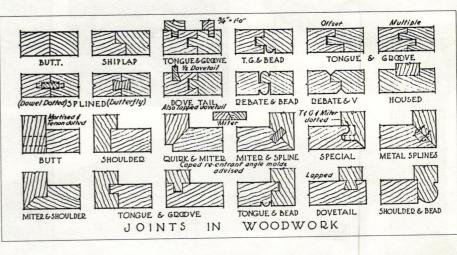
The volume contains selected plates from the first four editions of *Architectural Graphic Standards* published between 1932 and 1951 . . . material that does not appear in the 8th edition, published in 1988. (In fact, the 1988 edition contains only *two-thirds of a single page* from the 1932 edition.) Obviously, a lot of material got dropped by the wayside in the effort to keep successive editions of *Architectural Graphic Standards* abreast of modern building practice. But the dropped material is clearly of value to practitioners working on buildings constructed according to those earlier editions of *Graphic Standards*.

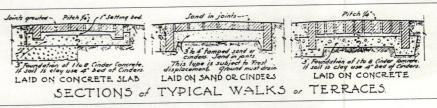
The editors of *Traditional Details* sifted through the castoffs from the main edition to see what would be relevant to today's historical architect and renovation contractor. In his introduction, John Belle emphasizes that the volume is designed to be a working tool — not a historical curiosity.

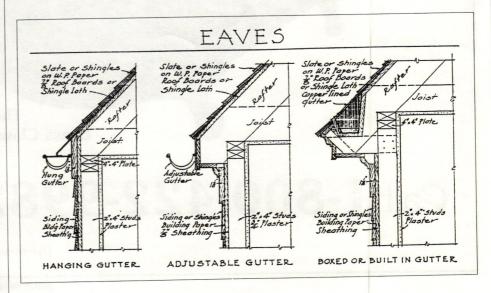
The old plates have been organized into 11 sections, roughly comparable to the major CSI divisions: General Planning & Design Data; Foundations & Sitework; Masonry; Metals; Carpentry; Thermal & Moisture Protection; Doors, Windows & Glass; Finish Materials; Specialties & Equipment; Furnishings; Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing.

It's an extremely valuable volume for anyone who has to understand how early 20th-century buildings were put together . . . or who has to detail repairs on structures of this vintage. Among the more than 2,600 details, you'll find such things as how to design a Boston hip on a slate roof (p. 131); joist hanging methods in balloon framing (p. 94); the geometry of a brick Tudor arch (p. 64); and how to frame residential steel casement windows (p. 162).

After looking through *Traditional Details*, historical architects and restoration contractors are likely to exclaim: "At last, Architectural Graphic Standards for the rest of us!" — CL







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#### **HUMANE ARCHITECTURE**

NEW CLASSICISM. Edited by Andreas Papadakis and Harriet Watson. Rizzoli. 264 pp. profusely illustrated. Hardcover. \$67.50 ppd. from: Rizzoli International — Book Sales, 300 Park Avenue South, Dept. TB, New York, NY 10010 (800) 433-1238.

For those of us who believe the re-exploration of architecture's classical roots is the most important trend in design today, Rizzoli has just provided an important touchstone: *New Classicism*. This book contains a serious examination of the work and thought of the world's leading architects practicing in the classical tradition.



Allan Greenberg: Treaty Room, Department of State, Washington, D.C.

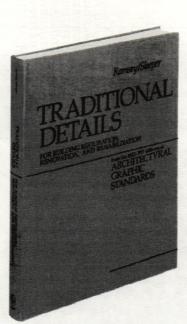
The volume is far more than a look at the latest ways of handling columns, capitals, and pediments. It provides a serious exploration of the human values that classicism offers the late 20th century world . . . especially in urban projects. It moves far beyond the frivolous use some Post-Modern designers made of classical motifs, and provides us with stimulating ideas by people who can write as well as design. Though there are plenty of the polysyllabic abstractions inherent in a scholarly work, the book is nonetheless suffused with a quality that can only be described as humane.

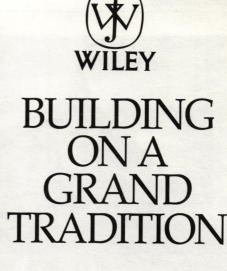
There is a stunning section on the more traditional forms of the new classicism, featuring the work of such architects as Allan Greenberg (his work shown), John Blatteau, and Quinlan Terry. In an essay, "The Architecture of Democracy," that accompanies some magnificent photos of his work, Allan Greenberg sets forth some of the reasons he has adopted classicism as a basic tenet of his practice. He states in part: "Psychological comfort in architecture is achieved through aesthetic satisfaction, easy orientation within the building, and a logical relationship between rooms, corridors, and all parts of the programme. . . . The concept of psychological comfort also encompasses our need to embody in architecture significant social experiences, political ideals, and religious beliefs."

And if you're one of the majority who believes classical architecture can always be recognized by columns and capitals, there is an illuminating section on abstract classicism — proving classicism is not so much a style as a way of thinking about our world.

In what is probably the most important part of the book, there are illustrations and discussions of the importance of classicism for urban environemnts. As Demetri Porphyrios declares in his essay, *Cities Of Stone*: "Nobody is born a traditionalist; he/she becomes one only after realizing that the traditional city is still today the most pleasing *Cita Felice*."

In the opinion of this reviewer, *New Classicism* is the most important book on architecture in the last 10 years. Anyone who dreams that the 1990's will see the built environment infused with a greater spirit of humanism hopes that this volume finds its way into the hands of every architect, city planner, builder, and developer in the country! — CL





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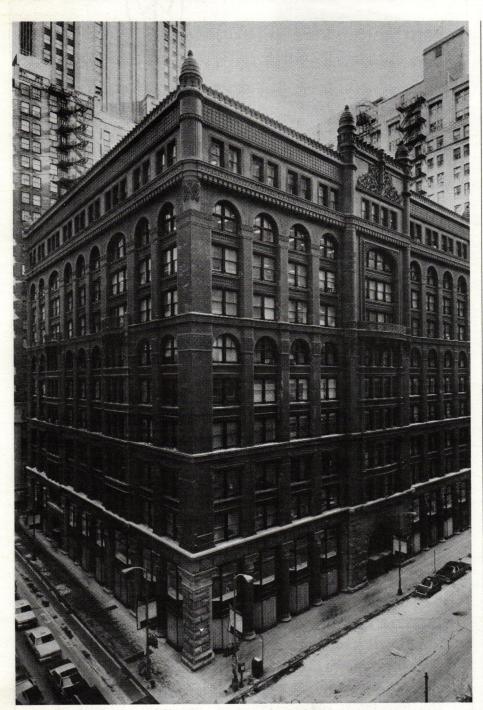
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## Profile: WILBERT HASBROUCK continued from page 4



Burnham & Root designed the Rookery in 1888, Wright reworked its interior in 1904, and Hasbrouck restored it in 1990. Photo: Hedrich Blessing

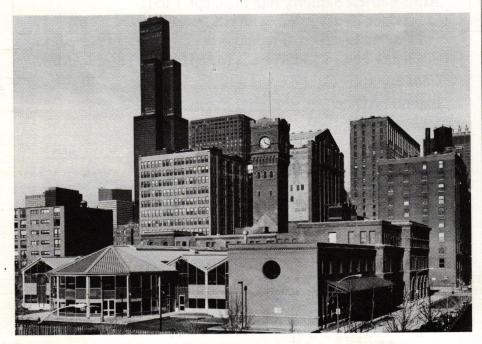
shingle, and his first commission, fortunately, was a very visible one.

The c.1836 Widow Clarke house, Chicago's oldest dwelling, survived the 1871 fire because it had been moved to the south side of town. Hasbrouck was hired to move it back north, to serve as a museum near H. H. Richardson's Glessner house (a building whose preservation he had orchestrated while with AIA). To reach its destination, the timberframe Clarke home had to be hoisted over the El tracks. "It took weeks to get it up, hours to get it across, and weeks to get it back down," he says.

"It was a real media event." And better than any press release, it validated his firm's existence.

"When we opened," he says, "we thought we'd have to take on a great deal of new construction to keep the door open, but from day one we've had enough restoration work to keep everybody busy." (Most of the 10% of his practice that is new construction involves creating buildings that suit historic contexts.)

The Delaware Building gave him his next opportunity to make a splash. Begun two months after the fire, its eight simply ornamented



Sears' towering headquarters echoes Dearborn Station. Photo: Ron Gordon



Hasbrouck met partner James Peterson when the two collaborated in 1981 on revamping the Grand Traverse County Courthouse in Traverse City, Michigan. *Photo: Jack H. Murchie* 

stories set precedents for its neighbors in the Loop. "Everybody thought it was cast-iron, but we got lucky and discovered it was cast concrete, which was easier to repair," says Hasbrouck. "It's the only

Chicago building that ever became a landmark *after* it was restored, and one of the few in the Loop that Sullivan and Wright would recognize."

Enter James Peterson, an architect who concentrates on the tech-



Hasbrouck converted Chicago's prominent — and unused — Dearborn Station into a retail/office complex.

nical rather than historical aspects of restoration. He asked Hasbrouck to collaborate on the Grand Traverse County Courthouse in Traverse City, Michigan. The county was ready to tear down its Romanesque 1899 courthouse in search of more room, until Hasbrouck and Peterson

demonstrated how inexpensively the facade could be rejuvenated and how easily spaces could be reorganized. One of the partners' better received ideas, for example, was to convert the previously ignored attic into offices. Project cost per sq.ft. was \$49, while new construction then would have cost \$70. And the two men have worked together ever since. (On January 1, they added to their list of partners, Henry Zimoch, an expert draftsman and longtime friend, and Jay Sirirattumrong, a former senior designer at the firm.)

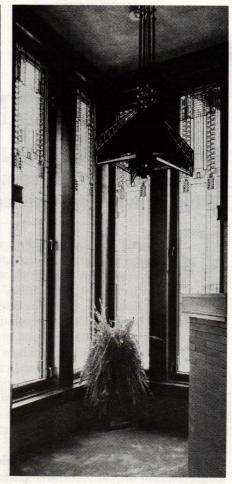
"We don't divide duties very



The delicately embossed plaster frieze on Wright's Dana-Thomas House had collapsed; Hasbrouck rebuilt it. Photo: Doug Carr



The Dana-Thomas House retained much of its original furnishings; shown is the dining room. Photo: Doug Carr



Entry alcove to the Dana-Thomas House's gallery, with restored stained glass and light fixture. Photo: Doug Carr

strictly," says Hasbrouck, "but frankly I'm not a detail man. I like research and marketing, convincing an owner to restore a building. Jim leans towards defining and executing the work, and the new partners each have their own strengths. So we all

get along great."

The Rookery and Dana-Thomas House have occupied much of the firm's time for the past few years. Burnham & Root designed an ornament-encrusted two-story lobby for the Rookery that Wright moderated. He replaced newel-postcapping electroliers with low-slung stone urns and covered the interior web of iron supporting columns with white marble sheaths incised with gold-leaf arabesques. Hasbrouck chose to restore the space to its 1910 appearance, when the building was fully occupied and heading into a commercial heyday; the project (with day-to-day administration by Mc-Clier Corp.) cost \$50 million.

The Dana-Thomas House, although its overhaul cost only \$3.5 million, was no less challenging. "It had suffered a total lack of maintenance and some misguided updates," says Hasbrouck. "The subtle wall colors had all been painted beige, and the woodwork's shellac had darkened to bluish-black." He restored the walls to sixteen shades of green, red, gold, and brown, using the same "scumbling" technique Wright used in 1904. He recreated the woodwork's finish by staining it brown with red highlights, exactly as Wright did.

The Wright experts disagree with me over the red residue, but I'm certain of it, based on chemical analysis and the fact that Mrs. Dana loved sumac," Hasbrouck says. "The form and color of sumac are in the stained glass, and the woodwork now is exactly the color sumac turns in the fall. I have no proof Mrs. Dana ever said, 'Frank, I love that color,' but I know that the Danas were two of his wealthiest clients, I know that money talks — and I know Wright."❖

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ussell Versaci, managing principal of Versaci Neumann & Partners, sums up the firm's design philosophy in a single sentence: "We champion the simple notion that designing traditional homes is rich with creative possibilities." Versaci says he senses a renewed spirit in domestic architecture, which he refers to as "New Traditions." This trend is characterized by a growing appreciation of the distinctive patterns, textures, materials, and craftsmanship found in America's heritage of fine old houses.

An outstanding example of how the firm translates that vision into bricks and mortar is a large new residence, called "Pleasant Hill," which is patterned after 18th-century Georgian houses originally built in New England. The client, a family of four, expressed a strong desire to live in a New England style colonial home. The program dictated 12,500 sq. ft. of living area, which could have resulted in a house so large and grand that it would overwhelm the scale of the original colonial prototypes.

The firm's solution to the problem of scale was to break the design into a composition of many additive parts — making it look as if the house had grown over many years. The central classic Georgian house appears to be the "original" building, which "grew" by attaching one-and-a-half story wings to each side. In turn, the wings were added onto with a gable-end block on one side and an open porch on the other. Each new section provides a variety of window patterns, roof forms, and construction details — presenting a rich array of architectural features.

While this five-part composition is original and unique to Pleasant Hill, the development of its architectural details relies heavily on historical source materials, in particular the *The White Pine Series of Architectural Monographs on Early American Architecture*. Many of the design motifs at Pleasant Hill are creative adaptations of neoclassical forms, manipulated into new, yet recognizable, forms — just as was done in the 18th century. As with all good classical

#### ■ PROJECT REPORT

**PROJECT SCOPE**: Design and build a modern residence with 12,500 sq. ft. of living area that satisfies client's desire for a traditional New England Colonial home. The design must also incorporate an attached carriage house garage and pool house.

LOCATION: Suburban lot of 6.8 acres of rolling ground in Potomac,

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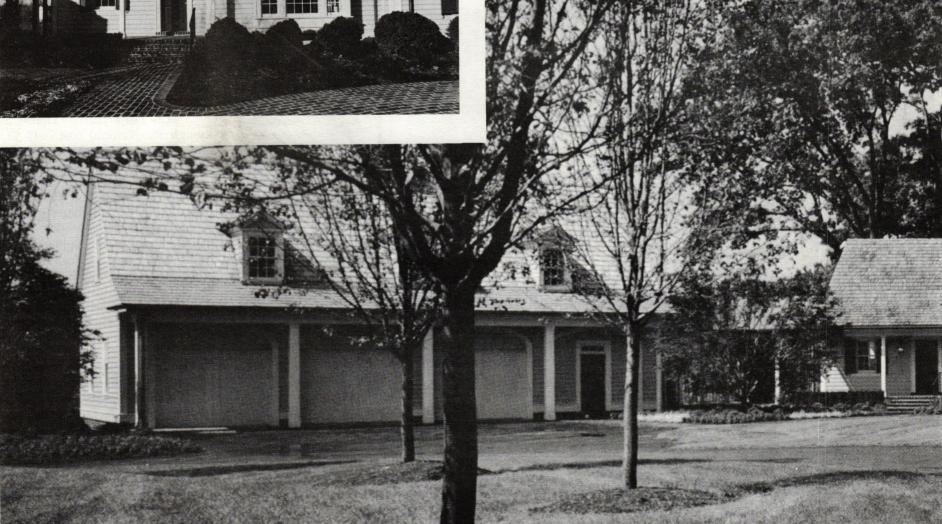
revival architecture, this design uses the vocabulary of the classical language as source material for new translations suited to today's requirements.

The elongated composition of Pleasant Hill also owes a debt to American domestic architects of the 1920's, who reinterpreted Early American styles for town and country houses. Architects of that time, among them Charles F. McKim, Dwight James Baum, and Aymar Embury II, developed design solutions that adapted traditional Colonial styles to large estates while maintaining simple domestic proportions.

For Pleasant Hill, large-scale architectural drawings were prepared for every detail in the elevations, including the custom windows, door surrounds, fanlight dormers, bay windows, cupolas, and lanterns. Full-size custom molding profiles were drafted for the cornices, casings, and other trimwork because stock moldings did not have the correct proportions and heft of the C olonial originals.

The house was constructed with meticulous attention to detail by general contractor Brendan O'Neill, who has made extensive studies of New England and Williamsburg period houses. Master carpenter Raymond (Sonny) Wolfe, Jr., saw to it that every detail was crafted as intended in the drawings. Moldings were milled from clear white pine by Barrons Lumber, who also furnished the western red cedar clapboard siding. The true divided lite windows were fabricated by Kolbe & Kolbe. McCormick Paint Co. furnished the range of historical paint colors used throughout. The Glen-Gery bricks for foundation and paving were laid by masons of A. E. Paoletti Co. Interior casework, fireplace mantels, and wall paneling were fabricated by The Fireplace Mantel Shop. All wood flooring throughout the house is resawn southern yellow pine from Vintage Lumber Co.❖ — CL

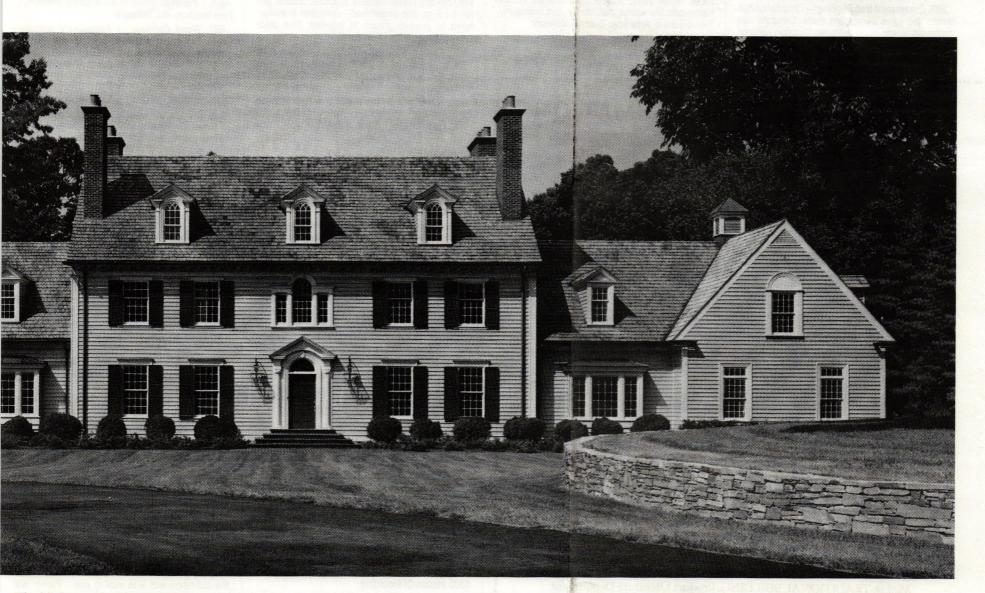




Resembling an 18th-century Georgian that grew in stages, Pleasant Hill encompasses 12,500 sq. ft. of living space within a single delicately proportioned composition.

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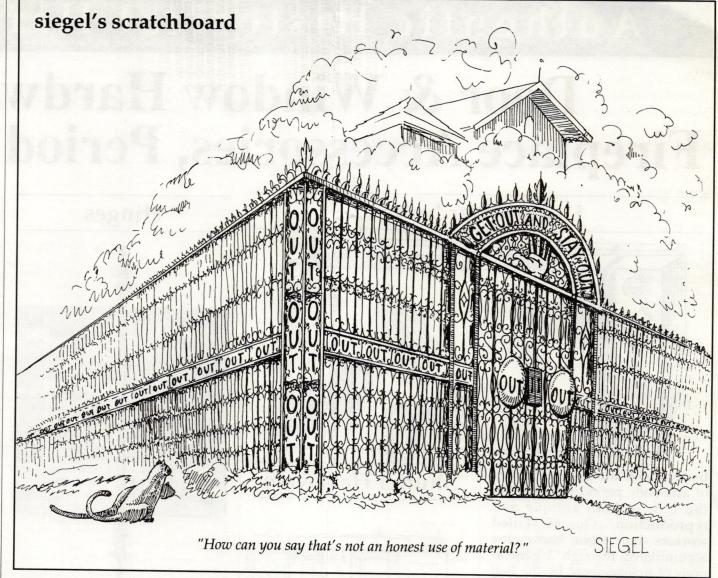
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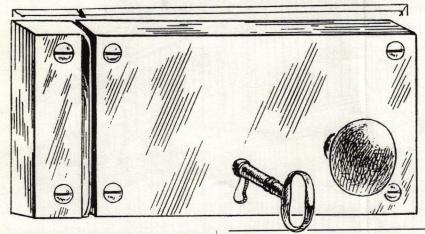
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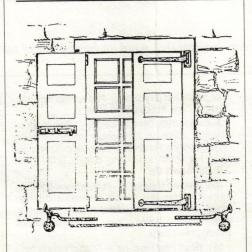
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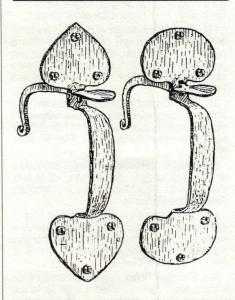
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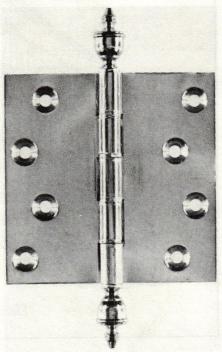
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